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Military team deploys to Port-Au-Prince to secure US facilities

MIAMI – At the request of the U.S. Ambassador in Haiti, a military team of approximately 50 security personnel will arrive this afternoon to Port-Au-Prince, from Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia, to conduct security operations for a handful of US facilities in the Haitian capital.

The Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST) composed of approximately 50 Marines will augment existing U.S. security personnel on the ground and remain under operational control of U.S. Southern Command Headquarters in Miami.

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